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RAILWAYS
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SPEED OF MAIL/EXPRESS AND GOODS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the differential in speeds of mail/express trains and goods trains at present;

(b) whether the Railways have taken any steps to bring down the speed differential between mail/express trains and goods trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): The maximum permissible speeds of majority of mail, express trains running on Indian Railway (IR) system are in the vicinity of 110 kmph while that of goods trains is 75 kmph. IR has designed freight stock fit for 100 kmph. Few such rakes have been manufactured and are already in operation. Most of container trains are fit to run at 100 kmph. Overpowering of freight trains is also being done to reduce the speed differential between mail, express & goods trains.